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Career Tips

«*Making the Most Out of Your Summer Public Interest Job*»

By Molly Frank-Meltzer, Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Member at the Public Interest Clearinghouse

Starting your summer at a public interest organization can be daunting. For 1Ls, you might be concerned about supervision or feeling lost. For 2Ls, you could be concerned about your post-graduation job search and how unfair it is that your law firm friends are wined and dined! Remember to keep your eyes on the prize—you chose public interest work for a reason and you *will* make a real difference. Here are some suggestions as to how to maximize your work experience over the summer:

1. **Think of It as Your Opportunity to Practice Law.** View your summer as a complement to your school experience. Amass different experiences by seeking out tasks beyond intake or legal research and writing.
2. **Be Proactive, Not Pushy.** Establish clear lines of communication with your supervisor and be sure to ask questions if you are not clear about your assignments. Ask to do new tasks and seek out opportunities to go to court or make client visits.
3. **Be Flexible and Get Involved.** Realize that interns at public interest organizations do all kinds of work—you will quickly see the busy life of a practicing public interest lawyer! Use this summer to try out all kinds

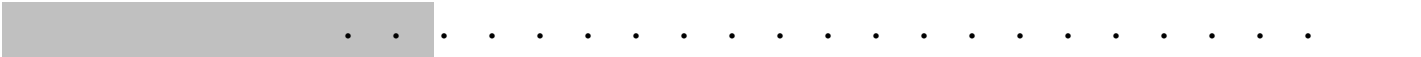
of skills - you never know what you might enjoy most if you don't try it.

4. **Seek Out Mentors.** If you find an attorney who impresses or whose career excites you, let him or her know you would like to work together, or ask that attorney to coffee to learn about his or her career path. This will help you make contacts and learn about the legal field.

5. **Explore and Reflect.** Think about what you did and did not enjoy about your summer experience. Get together with colleagues and other interns to hear what they have to say. This will enable you to process your summer experience and think more clearly about next steps.

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Finally, take part in the Public Interest Law Program Summer Series! This new program supports Hastings students who are pursuing a public interest job during the summer. The program includes weekly speaker series with famous Bay Area public interest attorneys, interactive communication and an optional clinical trip. This new program is the perfect supplement to any student working in public interest! Contact **Molly Frank-Meltzer** at mfrankmeltzer@pic.org to sign up!



Want to make an appointment with a career counselor?

Call the CSO Front Desk at (415) 565-4619.

JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

Everyday, the Career Services Office receives new listings. Log onto HastingsCareers.com and check often for new postings. Just a few highlights:

SUMMER POSITIONS

Fakhimi & Associates Labor-civil litigation firm in Los Angeles seeks to hire a 2nd or 3rd year law student with some litigation experience. Ideal candidate would have experience in drafting complaints, discovery and motions. Spanish would be a plus as we represent plaintiffs in labor and wrongful termination matters. **Years Required:** 2L, 3L **Materials Requested:** Email resume and cover letter to hfakhimi@lawhf.com. **Deadline:** 06/01/07

U.S. Attorney's Office Northern District is seeking 1-2 law clerks (interns) to work for the federal government on immigration cases during the Fall 2007 semester. The law clerk will work at least 10 hours per week and will help write both 9th Circuit and district court briefs. Excellent legal research and writing skills required. Applications from current 1Ls and 2Ls (2L or 3L in the fall) will be considered. Unpaid position. **Years Required:** 1L, 2L, **Materials Requested:** Email resume and writing sample to sara.winslow@usdoj.gov. **Deadline:** 05/01/07

Kletter & Peretz is a law firm focused on civil rights litigation, representing employees in discrimination and wage cases and tenants facing eviction and in wrongful eviction actions. The firm seeks a summer law clerk. The ideal candidate would be a law student interested in performing legal research and writing for a just cause. The law clerk will perform a broad range of duties, including drafting legal memos, motions, discovery and correspondence; legal research, writing and analysis; review of discovery responses; summarizing depositions; and assisting with trial preparation. Paid Position. **Years**

Required: 2L, 3L. Apply online at HastingsCareers.com. **Deadline:** 04/13/07

FELLOWSHIPS

The Conservation Law Center is a small, independent non-profit organization that operates a Conservation Law Clinic under an agreement with the Indiana University School of Law. Conservation Law Fellows work an average of 15-20 hours per week, although our commitment to excellent representation of Center clients will require that Fellows work more than 20 hours in some weeks. The Center will agree with its Conservation Fellows upon the commencement of the employment on the average expected weekly hours, and the annual salary for the position will be based on that agreement. In addition to salary, the CLC will provide a competitive package of benefits. The Center's office facilities and working conditions are excellent. Paid Position. **Years Required:** 2L, 3L **Materials Requested:** Email cover letter and resume to wwwweeks@indiana.edu **Deadline:** 05/01/07

This Week's Events:

Balancing Career & Family
Tuesday, April 10
3:40-4:30pm
Panel/Room K

SPECIAL EVENT!!!

What to Expect & How to Prepare for Fall OCI
Wednesday, April 11
or Friday, April 13
12:40-1:30pm
Workshop/Room K

Alumni Mentor Program Orientation

Friday, April 13
12:30 – 1:30pm
Room 307C

Advanced Sign Up Required!

Sign up on HastingsCareers.com

(AMP orientations are scheduled every week)